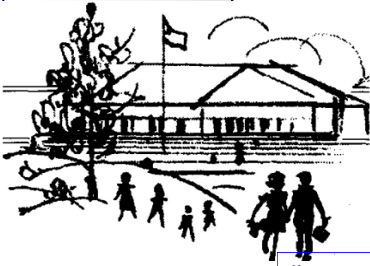


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Graham County School News



Graham County School Superintendent

Donna M. McGaughey

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Please visit our website

www.graham.az.gov

Superintendent's Message

Happy New Year! We have a slate of professional development offerings beginning this month, and we encourage all of you to take advantage of them. This is going to be a great year!

The Rodel Math 20/20 program for 2nd and 5th grade teachers is in full swing and going very well. This is implementation year for grade 3 and 4 teachers. The participating teachers are learning and using strategies to help their students with math concepts while building classroom sets of manipulatives which can be the key to getting our students to that "aha" moment.

Our good friends at the U of A / Thomas R. Brown Foundation will be back in Graham County to present an economics workshop based on children's literature.

We are in the middle of the "Science Happens Here" program. This session will end during the 2017 Gila Valley SciTech Festival, a fantastic event promoting STEM in Graham County. Happy New Year!

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School Superintendent,
Workshops

Dates to Remember:

Jan. 1—New Year's Day

Jan. 16—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 20—Rodel Math 20/20 for grade 2 teachers

Jan. 23—G/G Supts. meeting

Jan. 25—G/G Early Childhood Coalition meeting

Jan. 27—Rodel Math 20/20 for grade 5 teachers

Feb. 2—FBLA Regionals at EAC

Feb. 10—Rodel Math 20/20 for grade 2 teachers

Feb. 15—Graham County Spelling Bee

Feb. 20—Presidents' Day

Feb. 24—Rodel Math 20/20 for grade 5

March 6—Rodel Math Admin. meeting

March 13-17—Spring Break Graham Co.

March 29—Rodel Math 20/20 for grade 5

March 30—Rodel Math 20/20 for grade 2

Save the Date!

**The Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy—
SEATA—will be held June 5-8, 2017**

2017 Graham County Spelling Bee Information

Important Dates to Remember:

December 1, 2016—January 16, 2017 Schools must hold school bees on or before January 16, 2017, to be included in the next level of competition.

January 31, 2017—District bees must be held by this date.

February 1, 2017—Send winner names to the Graham County School Office.

February 15, 2017—**Graham County Spelling Bee**

March 3, 2017—County winners' bios and photos are due to AEF by this date.

March 25, 2017—The Arizona State Spelling Bee will be held at 1:00 p.m. at Arizona PBS.

June 1, 2017—Scripps National Spelling Bee will be held in Washington, DC.



Commonly Misspelled Words

proof
psychology
quantity
quarter
quiet
quit
quite

realize
receive
recognize
recommend
reference
religious
repetition
restaurant

rhythm
ridiculous
sacrifice
safety
scissors
secretary
separate

shining
similar
sincerely
soldier
speech
stopping
strength
studying

succeed
successful
surely
surprise
temperature
temporary
through

toward
tries
truly
twelfth
until
unusual
using
usually

village
weird
welcome
whether
writing

Common grammatical errors:

Good vs. well
Everyone / Every one
Two, too, to
They're, their, there
You're vs. your
It's vs. its



Goal setting teaches toddlers and preschoolers lifelong skills

Submitted by Nette Griffin
FTF Community Outreach Coordinator

Around this time, millions of Americans set goals for themselves on things they would like to do or improve this year. For parents and caregivers of toddlers and preschoolers, this New Year's tradition offers a wonderful opportunity to expand children's learning.

As 2017 begins, parents can engage their children in conversations about past years' celebrations and upcoming resolutions. Adults can share resolutions they have made in the past and talk about how setting goals helps us grow and learn. They can also talk with their children about setting realistic and achievable goals for themselves.

First Things First offers some ways to approach the conversation of setting goals for the new year. Remember that it must be a back-and-forth dialogue between a caregiver and a child. Also, the child must arrive at their resolution on their own. For toddlers and preschoolers, some simple resolutions might include:

- Reading together for 30 minutes every day.
- Brushing teeth every day, or learning to do it on their own.
- Trying one new fruit or vegetable each month.
- Less TV or computer use to make time for family games or physical activity.
- Learning to tie their shoes or get dressed on their own.
- Getting to bed by a certain time every day.

In these discussions, help your child decide how they will monitor their progress and what good rewards for progress might be. For example a new book, stickers on a calendar, a visit to a museum or local event might be rewards. As the year progresses, use successes or challenges as opportunities to talk about setting higher goals or adjusting old goals to be more realistic. Focus always on the positive – such as progress made or obstacles that have been overcome.

At each step along the way, parents will see their children achieving their goals, but the process itself will strengthen parent-child relationships, build vocabulary (resolution is a BIG word) and contribute to skills – such as motivation, self-esteem and focus – that will serve our children now, once they enter school and throughout their lives.

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About First Things First – First Things First is a voter-created, statewide organization that funds early education and health programs to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit FirstThingsFirst.org.



An Invitation....

Graham/Greenlee Early Childhood Coalition *Start Early. Finish Strong.*

Open the door between early childhood and primary grades by joining us for another gathering in our series of coalition collaborations.

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Graham County

General Services Building

921 W. Thatcher Blvd. Safford



Topic: *Literacy Share and Take*

Bring a favorite picture book (fiction OR non-fiction) and an accompanying activity you do with your children. Each participant will be asked to share for 3 minutes or so.

Come and join the fun! [The Graham/Greenlee Early Childhood Coalition is open to all early childhood providers/directors and K-3 teachers/administrators!](#) Please spread the word.

Register by contacting Paulette LeBlanc at pleblanc@aznexus.net by Friday, January 20, 2017.

*The Graham/Greenlee Early Childhood Coalition is sponsored by:
Donna McGaughey, Graham County School Superintendent
Tom Powers, Greenlee County School Superintendent
JoAnn Morales, EAC Early Childhood Instructor*



Look what the good folks at E.A.S.I. have planned for you!



WordItOut

All teachers who teach STEM subjects are invited to join the Eastern Arizona Science Initiative, known as E.A.S.I. They have a wonderful slate of camps, professional development and meetings planned. This is the schedule, subject to slight changes, but use this to plan ahead.

Please let all new teachers know about the wonderful opportunities gained by joined E.A.S.I.! It's easy!

2016 -2017 EASI Camps and Events Calendar:			
		M-Th Jun. 5-8	Southeastern AZ Teachers Academy
Wed. Jan. 11	January EASI Meeting	M-W Jun. 12-14	EASI Summer Science Camp – Grade 6-9
Sat. Feb. 4	ASTA Un-Conference @ EAC		
Wed. Feb. 8	February EASI Meeting	M-F Jun. 19-21	High School Science Camp – Grade 8-12
Sat. Feb. 11	Middle School Saturday Science Camp		
Sat. Feb. 25	Gila Valley Health & Science Festival	Wed. Aug. 9,	August EASI Meeting
Wed. Mar. 8	March EASI Meeting	Wed. Sep. 13	September EASI Meeting
Sat. Mar. 11	E. A. Regional Science Fair Competition	Wed. Oct. 11	October EASI Meeting
Sat. March 25	Professional Development Workshops	Wed. Nov. 8	November EASI Meeting
Wed. Apr. 12	April EASI Meeting	Wed. Dec. 13	December EASI Meeting
Wed. May. 10	May EASI Meeting		
Tue. May 30-June 1	Tonto Creek STEM Camp		Grade 7-10 (partnership with EAC)

Contact Jackie Madsen at Jackie.madsen@eac.edu
Or call the EAC Discovery Park Campus at 928-428-6260



STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

for

GOVERNMENTAL, NONPROFIT & PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

*Provided through a partnership with the Association of Educational Service Agencies
and Innovative Student Loan Solutions*

DID YOU KNOW...



Average student loan debt for undergraduates = \$26,000

A Master's Degree = \$26,500

Cost of attending college has increased 439% since 1982

46% of student loans are in default



The AACSS Program lifts the burden of student loans We can help your employees save an average of \$600 a month on their student loan payments and help them achieve an average of \$60,000 in loan forgiveness!

FOR EMPLOYERS

New voluntary benefit for employees
Enhance recruitment
Increase retention rates
Zero cost to implement

FOR EMPLOYEES

Immediately reduce monthly payments
Eliminate student loan balance
No cost, no obligation consultations
Personalized 10-year plan

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program ...

Established by Congress through the College Cost Reduction & Access Act of 2007 and enhanced in 2009 and 2012 to encourage individuals to enter public service jobs.

The PSLF Program provides benefits the

Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program doesn't ...

No cap on loan balance forgiven

All public employers qualify

All full-time employees are eligible

Immediate benefit with loan forgiveness after 10 years of service

How it works...

1. AACSS provides easy-to-share information to governmental, nonprofit and public service employers throughout Arizona.
2. Interested employees click... <https://aacss.myisls.com>, or Scan QR Code:
Enter Registration Code **AACSS**, call 1.866.831.5564

or email: advisor@isloansolutions.com





CHILDREN'S LITERATURE, ECON, GEOGRAPHY FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Teaching Elementary Economics and Geography Through Children's Literature

Safford, Arizona

For Elementary Teachers, K-5

March 8, 2017



This is an early-bird notice of our upcoming workshop in your area. Children's literature is full of economics and geography concepts that students can absorb easily. (We may sneak in some history too). Join us for a half-day workshop. We will do lessons around several great children's books, and we will send you home with a copy of one of the books for your classroom.

When: Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 1:00-4:30 p.m.

Where: Graham County General Services Building, 921 W Thatcher Blvd., Safford

Cost: None!

There is no fee for attendance or materials, but you must pre-register.

Register online at:

<https://oe.e.eller.arizona.edu/programs/current>

A joint offering of the University of Arizona Office of Economic Education and the Graham & Greenlee County Superintendents of Schools, with underwriting from the Thomas R. Brown Foundation.



Art Supply Grants

K-12 Teachers in SE Arizona*

Could you use more art supplies for your students??

Friends of Western Art offers up to \$400 of art supply funds for programs that teach western art. Today's western art embraces a variety of subject matter. In addition to Native Americans and cowboys, subjects include southwest architecture, gardens, landscapes, and wildlife; a detailed list is at www.FriendsofWesternArt.org on the *Education* page.

Applying is Simple! Complete the online application

Grant Reporting: Share with us! Email 3 to 5 photos showing how the materials were used.

Apply between August 31st and January 31st.

Share this with other art teachers—it is non-competitive.

Funds awarded on a first come – first served basis.

Successful applicants notified within 4 to 6 weeks after applying.

*SE Arizona includes the entire counties of Pima, Cochise and Santa Cruz plus areas south of the Gila River in Pinal, Graham, and Greenlee counties.

The Friends of Western Art is a non-profit organization. Its mission is to promote the awareness of art of American West in Tucson and southeastern Arizona through underwriting and educational programs.

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ADE 4th Annual Civic Learning Conference

<https://ems.azed.gov/home/calendar?sd=2377> (registration, program description and agenda)

First 20 people who register for the Conference between 12/20 and 31/2016 will receive **\$10 off the registration price**. Use promo code **MT282** to receive discount.

Where: KSC Building at Paradise Valley Community College located at 18401 N. 32nd St.
Phoenix, AZ 85032.

When: February 3, 2017

Cost: \$65.00 includes materials, breakfast, and lunch. Early bird: \$55.

Japan-U.S. Teacher Exchange Program for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)

<http://www.iie.org/Programs/ESD> for more information or to start an application.

Opening Minds to the World®

The deadline for submission is Friday, January 13, 2017.

The 2017 Japan-U.S. Teacher Exchange Program for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) will provide up to 12 U.S. K-12 teachers and administrators with the opportunity to travel to a conference in San Francisco and to Japan to learn about ESD efforts and strengthen ESD curricula in both countries. The program, administered by Fulbright Japan and funded by the Japanese and U.S. governments, is fully-funded with the exception of some meals. ESD is "a vision of education that seeks to balance human and economic well-being with cultural traditions and respect for the earth's natural resources," according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Up to 12 educators from Japan will travel to the U.S. in late April, and up to 12 educators from the U.S. will travel to Japan in June. At the end of the program in each country, all 24 educators will gather for a few days of collaboration.

National Geographic Teacher Certification

<http://nationalgeographic.org/education/programs/educator-certification/>

The certification program is open this winter from January 9 – March 31, 2017. Sign up now.

Are you interested in becoming a National Geographic Certified Educator? NatGeo is once more offering their Certification Program. The purpose of the certification program is to offer professional recognition and development opportunities that inspire educators to teach students about the world in innovative and interdisciplinary ways as well as connect you to resources and a larger community of educators promoted by National Geographic. The certification program involves an initial workshop (online or in person), activities to implement in your classroom, and a capstone project that tells the story of your students' learning in a visual and creative way that reflects the attitudes, skills, and knowledge of the National Geographic Learning Framework!

NOTE: If you plan to apply for NatGeo offered opportunities like the Grosvenor Award you will need to be a certified NatGeo Teacher no matter what other awards you may have received in the past. We know that a number of Arizona teachers have participated in this program. If you have completed the program and would like to let us know, please send us an email with a link to your capstone project. We would love to tell everyone about your accomplishment!

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National WWII Museum's second annual Summer Teacher Institute 2017

<http://www.nationalww2museum.org/learn/education/for-teachers/summer-teacher-institute.html>

THE WAR IN EUROPE with Donald L. Miller, PhD

July 16-22, 2017 in New Orleans, LA | July 15-21, 2018 in Normandy, France

Open to any high school teacher at an accredited public, charter, private, or parochial school who has at least two years of experience as of July 2017 and who will be teaching during the 2017-2018 school year.

Low to no cost. Teachers will receive room and board in New Orleans and Normandy, a travel stipend, and all seminar readings free of charge. Graduate credits are also free for those who choose to receive them.

Applications are due February 1, 2017.

Teachers of Critical Languages Grant (partial or fully funded exchange program)

<http://tclprogram.org/host-school-application> for applications & program information.

Applications due January 23, 2017

Are you interested in increasing the global competency of your students by hosting a guest Mandarin or Arabic teacher at your school? Learn more about hosting a fully-funded teacher with the Teachers of Critical Languages Program (TCLP) during an online chat with an alumni host and TCLP staff members. Find out how this program can make a lasting difference in your school and community. Please note that these sessions are only for K-12 schools in the United States.

The next and final live TCLP informational webinar will be at 4:00pm (EST) on Wednesday, January 4.

It will be hosted on Zoom.us so you simply need to click the following link to join. We suggest joining about 5 minutes before the start time: <https://www.zoom.us/j/2028337522>

Resources

10 Children's Books – Mapping

http://juliedillemuth.com/1/post/2015/11/map_books.html

Organized by Julie Dillemuth, author, for Geography Awareness Week 2015 – *Explore! The Power of Maps*. Here are her Top Ten Books (for 4-8 year-olds) with Mapping Concepts and Themes. Each title is linked to its page on Goodreads, and the list as a whole is also available on my Goodreads page.

Jane Goodall's roots & shoots

<http://www.rootsandshoots.org/getstarted>

Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots is the Jane Goodall Institute's global youth-led community action program, comprised of thousands of young people inspired by Dr. Jane Goodall to make the world a better place. Start your Roots & Shoots Campaign! Start with Step 1: Get Engaged.

Why mapping? Step 2 of the Roots & Shoots Formula is to create a community map and use it to gain a better understanding of a community's resources and needs. Next, groups identify a service campaign to make a difference for people, animals, and/or the environment.

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Resources

NASA 2017 Total Solar Eclipse Toolkit – seriously advance notice.

<http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/planets/sun/2017eclipse>

The first total solar eclipse to sweep across the entire US since 1918 is happening on 21 August 2017. The eclipse center line will enter the US crossing Oregon between Lincoln City and Newport and will exit three hours later in South Carolina between Georgetown and Charleston.

NOTE: We will see the eclipse in AZ but we are not directly under the path of a total eclipse (naturally a map is included on this page!)

Piktochart

<https://piktochart.com/>

Seth Dixon's insight: If you have students create infographics, then this is a tool that you should consider. In addition to creating infographics, this allows users to create and embed interactive maps in those infographics. This is both a baby-step into the world of GIS as well as a way to create student projects that are richly informative. Not free, sorry to say.

GeoAwsomeness Facebook Page

https://www.facebook.com/GeoAwsomeness/?hc_ref=SEARCH&fref=nf

Cool maps showing a wide variety of information.

Opportunities

Grades 8-12

Russian Summer Camp at ASU

<https://melikian.asu.edu/startalk>

A 3-week intensive summer day camp for 8th-12th graders from July 18 to August 5 on ASU's main campus in Tempe, Arizona. This is a non-residential program. Housing is not provided. Daily transportation costs are covered.

Canadian Geographic Challenge

<http://challenge.canadiangeographic.ca/en>

If you are in CANADA, consider running the "Canadian Geographic Challenge" in your school (22nd year)! It is an excellent program, well-designed, and with great perks (magazine subscriptions and medals for school winners, and the opportunity to compete at the provincial and national level).

AzGA Professional Development – More "on the map" workshops

Newest workshops announcement: Tucson/Marana and Show Low

Tuesday, 1/31/2017 | 4:30 – 6:30 pm | Quail Run Elementary School, 4600 W Cortaro Farms Rd, **Tucson**.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/using-the-giant-arizona-map-and-azga-on-line-resources-tucson-marana-tickets-30133859184>

Tuesday, 1/17/2017 | 4:30 – 6:30 pm | Navajo County Building, 600 N 9th St, **Show Low**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/using-the-giant-arizona-map-and-azga-on-line-resources-navajo-county-tickets-29870792344>

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Resources

Interactive Google views:

Google Global Street view – oceans

<http://www.scubadiving.com/article/news/explore-underwater-ocean-google-maps-street-view>

Google Timelapse

<https://earthengine.google.com/timelapse/>

1984 to 2016. Can be slowed or stopped, you can dial in a location. GeoSpatial Thinking: Change over Time.

What Is Kahoot?

<https://getkahoot.com/how-it-works>

Kahoot provides a game-based learning tool that can be played through most web browsers (at <http://kahoot.it>) and through our App. A Kahoot game (referred to as a “Kahoot”) consists of players answering multiple-choice questions presented on the screen of the user who hosts the particular game.

Free, but you must register and it looks like your students will have to register too. Read the privacy section. Recommended by an NGS GeoEducator for creating short learning games for use in your classroom.

Summer 2017 Professional Development

South Carolina Geographic Alliance Summer Geography Institute

Information and application form:

<http://www.scgeo.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/ASGI2017Application.pdf>

When: June 18-23, 2017. Where: Callcott Building -University of South Carolina, 709 Bull Street Columbia, 29208.

Fees: \$100 course registration fee (refunded upon completion)

The Geographers in the Field Institute is a field-trip based experience designed to help K-12 teachers acquire geographic concepts and content knowledge and the geospatial technology skills needed to enhance student learning of important physical, cultural, political, and economic systems. Institute participants will receive:

- 30 CEU contact hours
- geography content instruction by USC faculty
- most meals and on-campus housing (as needed)
- textbooks, software, and other relevant teaching materials
- hands-on instruction with GPS units, online GIS, and Google Earth

SC GeoAlliance: <http://www.scgeo.org/> (free to join)

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New lesson!

Inferno Arizona

Description: In this lesson, the students will learn about the 2002 Rodeo-Chediski fire in Arizona. The student will learn information about the fire, the physical geography of the area, the habitats threatened by the fire, the communities in the area of the fire, as well as some of the strategies used to fight the fire. Students will participate in a simulation of fighting the wildfire. Afterward, they will reflect on what policies should be made to best prepare for the incidence of wildfire in Arizona and reduce the risks to both human and wildlife habitats. This lesson includes strategies for teaching diverse learners.

Author: Amethyst Hinton Sainz

Grade Range: 7

Duration: 3 class periods

Teacher Instructions

Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys

[Pass-Around Cards Materials](#) [Role Cards & Table Tents](#) [Inferno Arizona PowerPoint](#)

Materials to Assist Teachers and English Language Learners:

[Vocabulary Cards](#) [Vocabulary Test & Answer Key](#)

Other materials that may be useful:

[NASA images – wildfires in SE US](#) [NASA Active Fire Data \(whole earth\)](#)

New lesson! Featured at GeoConference 2016

Where in the World is Ryan? Practicing Latitude & Longitude

Description: In this lesson the students will identify the difference between relative and absolute location and practice locating places in the world using a set of cards and a world map.

Author: Janet Deppe

Grade Range: 5

Duration: 2 class periods

Teacher Instructions

Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys

[Map: Where in the World is Ryan?](#)

Materials to Assist Teachers and English Language Learners:

[Vocabulary Cards](#)

[Vocabulary Test & Answer Key](#)

SAFFORD CITY GRAHAM COUNTY LIBRARY



808 S. Seventh Ave.
Safford, AZ 85546
(928) 432-4165

The Safford City / Graham County Library offers services beyond checking out books. The Graham County School Superintendent has partnered with the library to offer homework help for students from kindergarten through college. **It's free to Graham County students.** Visit the library's homepage at www.cityofsafford.us and click on the *Homework Help* icon. This will lead you to the icon for **Tutor.com**. "Check out" this free tool and get help on any subject.

Citizens looking for help with finding a job should take advantage of the services offered by Job Skills Instructor, Kevin Hansen. Mr. Hansen offers help in finding jobs and preparing resumes. Additionally, he will help coach job seekers as they practice their interview skills. This is a great service!

The library has partnered with *First Things First* to enhance literacy skills in our youngest population. In addition to story time, parents can bring their children to the Brain Box sessions and other preschool activities scheduled throughout the year. The library has secured a grant from First Things First to fund the Imagination Library Book Club. Children ages birth through five can be signed up to receive a free, age-appropriate book in the mail each month. These are just a few of the wonderful things families can explore due to the partnerships formed by the library.

Visit the Safford City / Graham County Library in person or online!



The Safford City—Graham County Library has partnered with the Arizona State Library to bring a fabulous FREE database of eBooks to our students!

Visit www.saffordlibrary.org

On the left side of the screen, click on "TumbleBooks / eBooks for Kids

"Check out" the titles, which now include non-fiction!

The books are indexed by reading levels, grade, and lexile.

Take advantage of this valuable opportunity—it's free!

Visit the Gift Shop!

Safford City / Graham County Library

808 S. Seventh Ave.

Safford, AZ 85546 928-432-4165

Hours: Mon.—Thursday 10:00 a.m. —7:00 p.m. Closed Friday—Sunday



Speaking of wonderful resources...

You Can Take Free Online Courses with Universal Class

Interested in learning new crafts and hobbies? Looking to go from amateur to pro photography? Starting a business and would like to know more about entrepreneurship? The library has you covered! Go to the library's website at www.saffordlibrary.org and sign up to take free courses with Universal Class.

Universal Class offers a diverse catalog of lifelong learning courses online including:

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|--|--|
| Accounting, Career Training, Office Skills | Real Estate and Entrepreneurship. |
| Cooking, Crafts and Hobbies. | Fine Arts and Photography. |
| Performing Arts. | Parenting and Family. |
| Alternative Medicine, Self-Help. | Personal Care. |
| Computer Training. | Web Development. |
| Pet and Animal Care. | Home Gardening, Repair and DIY. |
| Psychology. | History. |
| Religious and Spiritual Studies. | Science. |
| General Education. | Special Education. |
| Homeschooling. | Teacher Resources. |
| Test Preparation. | Social Work. |
| Language Arts. | Terminology. |
| Math and Writing Skills. | Law, Legal and Criminal.and more! |

Go through each full course to earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and certificates! Some courses even offer Video Mode for those wanting to simply audit courses. Remember to log in with your full library card number (ex: P41256) when first signing up.

LEARN LANGUAGES FOR FREE WITH MANGO LANGUAGES

Choose from over 70 languages to learn for FREE! Spanish, French, Chinese, Japanese, ESL (Inglés) and much more!! Easy to use and self-paced, with audio, video and vocabulary to help you learn at your own comfort. Register for your own free personal profile or click QUICK START below to get started right away! Remember to sign in with your library card number (ex: 41256) when you first register.

MANGO MONDAYS - EVERY MONDAY Beginning August 3rd

Sign up anytime during the month of August for Mango Languages on the library's website at www.saffordlibrary.org and be entered in a raffle to win fun door prizes every Monday! Be sure to either fill out a ticket at the front desk or message us on Facebook at [fb.com/saffordlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/saffordlibrary) so we can enter you in. Door prizes will be drawn every Monday at 4 PM.

Free Distance Learning Programs Available from the Phoenix Zoo

Thanks to generous funding from APS Foundation we are able to offer free distance learning programs that broadcast into your classroom. **Phoenix Zoo Distance Learning** broadcasts include live animals, engaging and inquiry-based activities that are designed to complement classroom Academic Standards. The only technology you need to receive a program from us is internet access, a projector and computer, and speakers for sound. We also do have limited funds to help with renting technology, as needed. For more information visit on our programs visit <http://phoenixzoo.org/camps-programs/outreach/>. For questions regarding the scholarships or to book a program call our Reservations Department at 602.914.4333.

Free E-Rate Consultant Services

Milan Eaton is the new "State E-Rate Coordinator for Schools" in Arizona. His goal is for every school in the state to receive a fair share of E-Rate funds through the USAC (Universal Services Administration Company). During the month of January, he plans to visit every county in the state to offer assistance with the Schools/Districts in the area. The Federal Communications Commission has recently updated its E-rate program to focus on expanding Wi-Fi networks in schools, especially small, rural schools. Mr. Eaton invites all schools and districts to visit the State E-Rate Website and join the E-Rate mailing list. His website address is: <http://www.azed.gov/erate/2014/09/10/join-our-e-rate-email-list/>

Mr. Eaton can also be reached at: Arizona Department of Education Information Technology
602-542-3595 milan.eaton@azed.gov



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Arizona PBS Kids

Arizona PBS KIDS will feature an array of programming to help young children master important skills, ranging from reading and basic math and science to problem solving and emotional skills.



Arizona PBS Kids Festival Jan. 16, 2017

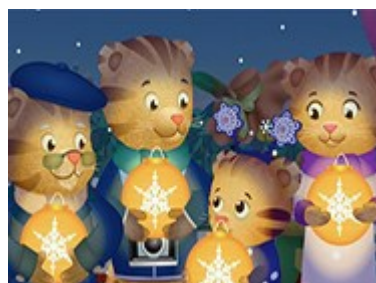
To celebrate the launch of Arizona PBS Kids, Arizona PBS is planning a daylong festival for families, featuring interactive games, program screening parties and other educational activities.



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VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP | REMEMBERING PEARL HARBOR

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Get your class into the holiday spirit with resources designed to encourage young students' social and emotional development.



We need **YOU** to help us spread the word about the Arizona Renaissance Festival Student Days

Immerse your students into the 16th century!

The Renaissance ideas that laid foundation for later inventions are still evident and influential today; Today's THINKERS, DREAMERS, INVENTORS are pushing the boundaries of what is known into the unknown; who knows what their discoveries will become?

Remember, Da Vinci knew flight was possible when no one else did...There are Da Vinci's of today just about to emerge...with new ideas and dreams for the future. SciTech and the Arizona Renaissance Festival enable students to see the connection between past, present and BEYOND!

2017 Student Day Dates

Tuesday, February 28th - Elementary Schools

Thursday, March 2nd - Jr./Sr. High Schools

Hours: 9am - 2:30pm

Take a glimpse into the Arizona Renaissance Festival Student Days

A study guide is available for teachers to help with the lesson plan to enhance the Student Days field trip. Student Days is an engaging and exciting way to get the students interested in history! The Festival provides students with a chance to do more than just read about the Renaissance - WE LET THEM EXPERIENCE IT!

Download a Student Days Information and Order Form NOW at:

<http://arizona.renfestinfo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/2017-AZRF-Student-Days-ASSET.pdf>

Order by February 6, 2017 to receive 1 FREE Chaperone ticket for every 8 Student Day tickets purchased!

If you have questions please contact M'Lissa Clark at (520) 463-2600 x102 or marketing@renfestinfo.com.



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2016—2017

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The fourth Wednesday of every month starting in December.

January 25th - 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

February 22nd - 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

March 22nd - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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Professional Development Opportunities/ Grant Funding Alerts

Name: Annenberg Foundation

Who: Areas of arts, culture and humanities, civic and community, environment, education, and human health and wellness

Amount: \$10,000 - \$100,000

Deadline: Rolling

Link: <http://www.annenbergfoundation.org/grantmaking/how-to-apply>

Name: Arthur Vining Davis Foundations **Who:** Projects for improving teaching

Amount: \$100,000-\$200,000

Deadline: Rolling

Description: Projects may cover a wide range of initiatives intended to improve teaching. For example, projects might be designed to improve professional development for in-service and pre-service teachers, strengthen teaching skills, support practical research in teacher and high school education, or encourage innovative use of technology and new techniques for presentation of classroom materials in high schools

Name: Ceres Foundation Grants

Who: For benefit of disadvantaged youth and vulnerable families

Amount: Up to \$240,000

Deadline: Rolling

Description: To expand opportunities for disadvantaged youth and vulnerable families to develop and make full use of their potential, so that they will be able to earn decent livings, enjoy healthy relationships, pursue their ambitions, and participate in their communities.

Link: <http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/ceres/>

Name: JP Morgan Chase Grants

Who: Open for non-profit organizations

Amount: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Description: Create Pathways to Opportunity - a holistic approach to ensure that individuals have access to the knowledge, skills, resources, and capital they need to secure their futures and compete in the global economy.

Link: <http://www.jpmorganchase.com/corporate/Corporate-Responsibility/grant-programs.htm>

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Link: www.avdf.org

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Donors can find projects or classrooms that most inspire them and make a donation. When a project reaches its funding goal, DonorsChoose.org ships the materials to the school. You'll get photos of the project, a letter from the teacher, and insight into how every dollar was spent. Give over \$50 and you'll also receive a hand-written thank from the students. If you're a teacher looking for support for a classroom project, just go to Donors Choose.org and start your own account. The

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Arizona Educational Acronyms

Courtesy of the Yavapai County Education Service Agency (YCESA)

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AACO – Arizona Association of Counties

AACSS - Arizona Association of County School Superintendents

AAG- Accountability Advisory Group

AASBO – Arizona Association of School Business Officials

ABIL - Arizona Bridge to Independent Living

ADA - American's with Disabilities Act

ADD - Attention Deficit Disorder

ADE - Arizona Department of Education

ADE/ESS - ADE Exceptional Student Services

ADE/PINS - ADE Parent Information Network Specialists

ADHD - Attention Deficit with Hyperactivity Disorder

ADHS - Arizona Department of Health Services

ADL - Activities of Daily Living

AEA – Arizona Education Association

AESA – Association of Education Service Agencies

AFR – Annual Financial Report

AG- Auditor General or Attorney General

AGO – Attorney General Opinion

Alt. AAG-Alternative (Education), Accountability Advisory Group

AOC – Administrative Office of the Courts (of the Arizona Supreme Court)

APE - Adaptive Physical Education

ARS – Arizona Revised Statutes